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MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OF REGULAR BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

CENTER CHURCH

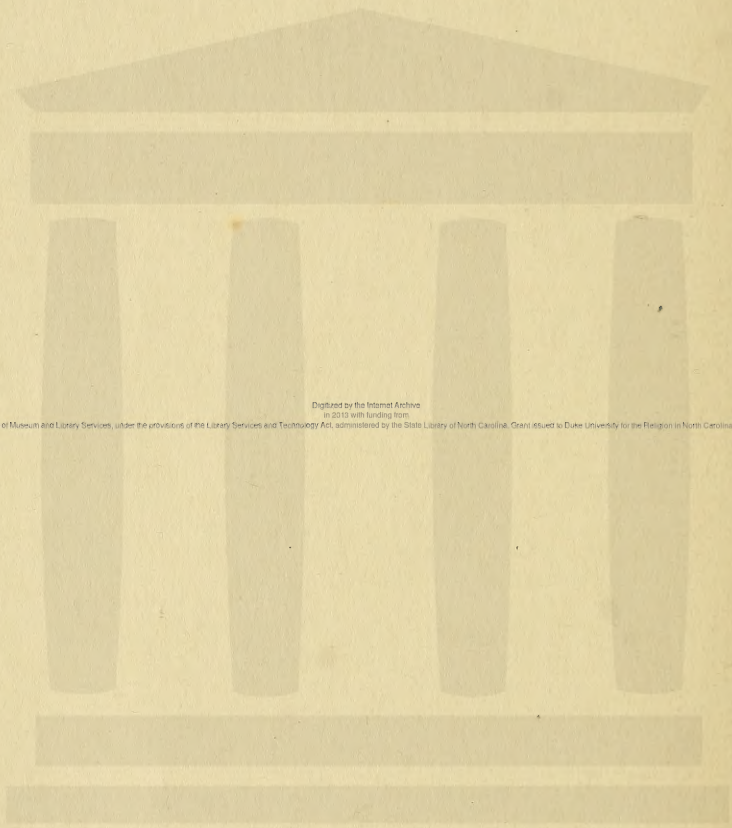
Wilkes County, N. C.

September 29 and 30, 1939

ELDER G. W. MILES, Moderator.....Miles, N. C.

A. C. SIDDEN, Sec. & Treas. ..... Joynes, N. C.

The next session will convene with Liberty Knob Church, about four miles north of Traphill, N. C., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1940. Elder Guy Cox to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder D. M. Dillard, alternate.



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PROCEEDINGS
of the
SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
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PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
of
REGULAR BAPTISTS

Convened with Center Baptist Church September 29, 1939.

Opening song No. 1, Primitive Hymns. "Amazing Grace," by congregation.

Service introduced by Elder Guy Cox, reading Romans, 12th chapter.

Congregation sang Hymn No. 188, Primitive selection.

Prayer by Elder D. A. Roten, a visitor.

Introductory Sermon by Elder A. C. Sidden. Text, Rev. 16:19.

Remarks by Elder G. W. Miles. Intermission of 30 minutes.

Delegates reassembled in church.

Songs No. 396 and 411. Elder G. W. Miles opened the session by some fitting remarks and introduced Hymn No. 339.

Prayer by Elder H. A. Adams.

Association called to order by Moderator.

1st. Moderator called for church letters when 17 were handed in and read. Austin's letter had not arrived.

2nd. On motion we seat all delegates present, including those of Austin church, and receive their letter when it arrives.

3rd. On motion we invite newly constituted churches or any regular Baptist church of the same faith and order. None came.

4th. On motion Elder G. W. Miles was elected Moderator by acclamation.

5th. On motion Elder A. C. Sidden was elected clerk by acclamation.

6th. On motion we extend a welcome to visitors of the same faith and order and insert their names in our minutes. The following brethren came forward and were welcomed: Elders D. A. Roten, W. M. Andrews, Charlie Andrews, Guy Brooks and C. C. Burcham; Brethren C. S. McKnight, F. S. Delp, Wheeler Nance, F. M. Joines and S. M. Jolly.

7th. On motion we send messengers and a letter to the Union Baptist Association of Alleghany County asking for correspondence with them. An objection was voiced to the motion and after a friendly discussion the motion was withdrawn by the maker.

8th. On motion we empower the Moderator to make all temporary appointments. The following committees were appointed:

a. On Ministry—G. W. Brown, Marion Royal, J. T. Bauguess.

b. On Finance—T. A. Miles, G. M. Royal, J. P. Brooks.

c. On Arrangements—J. M. Brown, H. H. Jennings, L. M. Wood, Charlie Miles, C. C. Sidden.

d. On Obituaries—Warren Cox, L. W. Wood, E. S. Harrold.

e. On Resolutions—A. M. Holbrook, J. M. Spicer, H. A. Adams.

f. On Temperance—J. H. Norman, Arthur Stamper, T. N. Royal.

g. On Time, Place and Preacher—J. H. Holbrook, C. V. Holbrook, H. H. Jennings.

9th. Committee on Ministry reported as follows:

For tonight: To open services, James Wright. To preach, G. Bennet Adams and Charles Cornet, visitors from Kentucky.

For tomorrow: To open services, C. S. McKnight. To preach, W. M. Andrews and Guy Brooks, visitors from the Union Baptist Association.

10th. On motion we adjourn until tomorrow at 9:30 o'clock. Elder D. H. Brown closed the association by singing and prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday. Song No. 382.

Song No. 1. Scripture lesson by Bro. Charlie Miles, Eccl. 12th chapter.

Prayer by Bro. C. S. McKnight, visitor from the Union Association.

Association called to order by Moderator.

1st. Roll called and absentees marked.

2nd. Called on Committee on Arrangements to report. Report handed in and read and received.

3rd. On motion we extend an invitation to newly constituted churches or any regular Baptist church of the same faith and order. None came.

4th. Extended an invitation to transients and visitors of the same faith and order when Elder Curtis Toliver and Bro. J. Y. Brooks came forward and were welcomed.

5th. Called on the Committee on Temperance to report, who reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following:

We advise our members to be temperate in speech, ready to forgive, abstain from all intoxicants, and shun the appearance of evil. Strive to bridle our tongues that we speak no evil of one another.

ARTHUR STAMPER,
T. N. ROYAL,
J. H. NORMAN, Committee.

6th. Called on Treasurer of last year to report, who reported as follows:

Received from Finance Committee	$51.40
Paid for Minutes	$32.00
Paper and Postage and fees	10.05
Deposited in bank	9.35

7th. Called on the Committee on Obituaries to report when 12 were handed in and ordered printed and also it was understood that if others should be received they also shall be printed.

8th. Committee on Resolutions called on to report, who reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Resolutions, report the following: We thank God for His extended goodness and mercies toward us during the past year and pray these mercies to be extended through the remainder of our unprofitable lives, and that we adhere strictly to the teaching of God's Holy Word.

That we advise our brethren and sisters to attend their church as much as possible. That we work together, and pray for one another. That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the brethren, sisters, and kind friends of this community for their kind hospitality during the sitting of this association.

A. M. HOLBROOK,
JAMES M. SPICER,
H. A. ADAMS, Committee.

9th. Called on Committee on Ministry to report, who reported as follows:

For tonight: 1st, Charlie Miles; 2nd, Curtis Toliver; 3rd, H. A. Adams.

For tomorrow: 1st, D. A. Roten; 2nd, D. M. Dillard; 3rd, G. W. Miles.

10th. Called on Finance Committee to report, who reported:

Received from the churches, $54.15. Report received.

11th. On motion elected clerk treasurer and that he have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed and distribute them according to the contribution of the churches, and the clerk to have ten dollars ($10.00) for his services.

12th. Called on Committee on Time, Place and Preacher to report, who reported as follows: Our next session to be held with Liberty Knob Church to commence on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1940. Elder Guy Cox to preach the introductory sermon; Elder D. M. Dillard, alternate.

13th. Minutes of this session read and received.

14th. On motion we take the money we have in the Bank of North Wilkesboro and divide it equally among the ordained ministers of the Primitive Association, giving each one his part.

15th. On motion we adjourn to time and place of our next session.

G. W. MILES, Moderator,
A. C. SIDDEN, Clerk.

SATURDAY PREACHING SERVICE

After a song service, Bro. C. S. McKnight opened service by exhortation on Christian fellowship and duty. Scripture lesson, Psalm 24. Song, "O, For A Closer Walk With God." Prayer by Elder C. C. Burcham.

1st sermon by Elder W. M. Andrews; text, Acts 10:34-35.

2nd sermon by Elder Guy Brooks; text, St. John 1:23.

Service closed by Elder Charlie Andrews, by exhortation, singing and prayer.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1939

Service introduced by Elder J. M. Owens, using Hymn No. 411.

Prayer by Elder W. M. Andrews, visitor from the Union Association.

1st sermon by Elder D. A. Roten; text, Mark 1:15.

2nd sermon by Elder Guy Brooks; text, St. John 1:23.

3rd sermon by Elder G. W. Miles; text, 2nd Timothy, 4:6-7.

Benediction by Elder A. F. Walker.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Antioch—T. N. Royal, Oscar Jenkins, Franklin Royal.

Austin—D. H. Brown, G. R. Cox, Warren Cox, George Lyon, B. C. Speaks.

Bethany—L. W. Wood, E. M. Wiles, C. H. Bryant, M. A. Blackburn, J. T. Wood.

Center—H. H. Jennings, H. E. Harrold, Alford Elledge, G. F. Adams, W. L. Myers.

Double Creek—A. M. Holbrook, Callie Armes, John Gambill, Una Holbrook, C. V. Holbrook.

Garden Creek—J. M. Brown, J. P. Brooks, Nora Warren.

Liberty Knob—G. W. Miles, J. N. Royal, G. M. Royal, Charlie Miles, Clay Royal.

Mining Ridge—Foy Wall, B. F. Norman, Dewey Cheek, F. M. Royal.

Mountain Valley—Arthur Stamper.

New Covenant—T. A. Miles, M. C. Dillard, A. T. Sebastian.

Oak Level—J. M. Spicer, D. C. Gentry, J. M. Cockerham.

Rachel—S. T. Curry, Carl Wood, W. S. Billings, L. M. Wood, J. G. Billings.

Roaring River—G. W. Brown, J. H. Holbrook, A. C. Sidden L. G. Venable, C. C. Sidden.

Round Hill—J. T. Bauguess, Bert Blevins, A. P. Bauguess.

Round Mountain—H. A. Adams, Timothy Elledge, J. F. Owens, Roy Franklin.

Union—By letter. No delegates present.

Union Hill—Joe Norman.

Zion—E. S. Harrold, O. H. Dillard, W. C. Huie.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Adams, H. A.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Barker, J. N.	Benham, N. C.
Brown, D. H.	Traphill, N. C.
Brown, J. W.	Traphill, N. C.
Burcham, C. C.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Calloway, J. F.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Cleary, D. O.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Cox, G. R.	Traphill, N. C.
Dillard, D. M.	Hays, N. C.
Dillard, M. C.	Hays, N. C.
Douglass, E. E.	McGrady, N. C.

Handy, W. R. ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Harrold, J. C. ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Miles, G. W. ..... Miles, N. C.
Owens, J. M. ..... Hays, N. C.
Reeves, I. M. ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Royal, N. G. ..... McGrady, N. C.
Sebastian, A. T. ..... Dehart, N. C.
Sidden, A. C. ..... Joynes, N. C.
Walker, A. F. ..... State Road, N. C.
Walker, J. W. ..... Dehart, N. C.

OBITUARIES

ADAMS

Meady Ann Adams was born July 24, 1870. Died December 25, 1937. She professed religion in early life and joined the church at Center, and lived a faithful member until death. She was married to James M. Adams November 22, 1888. To this union was born 9 children, 4 dead and 5 living to mourn their loss.

Dear mother is gone, how sad, how sad;
She is beyond all her toils and tears;
Weep not, my children, my life is past,
Your love was dear until the last.
Weep not for me, but pity take,
And love each other for my sake.
Death breaks the ties of strongest love,
Fills many hearts with pain;
But those who meet in heaven above
Will never part again.

Written by Ada Shumate.

ADAMS

James M. Adams was born April 14, 1868; died April 21, 1938. He professed religion in early life and joined the church at Center, and lived a member until death. He was married to Meady Ann Higgins November 22, 1888. To this union was born 9 children, 4 dead and 5 living to mourn their loss.

A dear one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

Written by Ada Shumate.

BILLINGS

Janus Edgar Billings was born December 9th, 1879. Died January 13, 1937. Age 59 years, 1 month and 4 days. Was married to Miss Ada Richards April 9, 1904. To this union was born eleven children, all living. He joined South Fork Baptist church about 40 years ago, but later moved his membership to Center Baptist church and remained a member until his death. At his death he had 8 grandchildren. One of them, Marvin Elledge, preceded him in death. He

leaves his children and grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn their loss which is his eternal gain.

Though weak and drawn and filled with pain,
Of life he did not tire;
Through faith he's gone with him to reign
Who called to come up higher.

BLACKBURN

John Blackburn, son of Jesse Blackburn and Nancy Wood, died April 15, 1939. Age 53 years. He was married to Nelia Wood. To this union were born three sons, James, Luther, and Rester, all three living. His wife preceded him in death several years ago. He joined Bethany Baptist church, Saturday Oct. 1st, 1938, where he remained a faithful member till death.

He had days of gladness,
He had days of woe;
He met these as bravely
As the soldier meets the foe.
May God bless the children, and in His bosom keep,
In days of rejoicing and days that you weep.

BYRD

John B. Byrd was born May 3, 1864. Was married to Patsy McCann March 10, 1887. Unto this union were born ten children, six dead and four living. He died January 20, 1939, making his stay on earth 74 years, 8 months and 17 days. He professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Oak Level in August, 1927, and remained a member until death.

He was a dear lover of children, a teacher of the card class at Sunday School, and always filled his seat on church meeting day.

Dear wife and children, my life is past,
Your love was dear until the last;
Weep not for me, but pity take,
And love each other for my sake.
Death breaks the ties of strongest love,
Fills our hearts with grief and pain;
Those that meet in heaven above
Will never part again.

CHILDRESS

Little Jaunita Childress, infant daughter of Jesse and Martha Childress, was born January 24, 1938. Died May 13, 1939, age 1 year, 6 6 months and 11 days. Little Jaunita was just a little flower budding on earth to bloom in heaven. She is just like the Angels in heaven. She has just gone there to stay and if she could speak, she would say, "Mama, come to me, for I am as happy as can be; and Papa, live right, for Jesus will call for you some day as He did for me."

She is gone from a world of sin and strife,
And now enjoys a heavenly life.
Could we but hear its little tongue
So sweetly sing the heavenly song,
Could we but see its smiling face
Delighted with the happy place,
I am sure we would not wish it back again,
But we could only say, dear babe with God remain.
Written by a friend, Mrs. Raymon Norman.

COX

Joseph Lee Cox was born July 28, 1866. Died Nov. 12, 1938. Age 72 years, 3 months and 14 days. He was married to Prutina Cacy March 26, 1892. To this union were born 8 children. Four are living and four dead. He professed a hope in Christ and joined Roaring River church August 22, 1925. He came off in an arm and was one of the constitutional members of Union Church where he remained a faithful member until death.

COCKERHAM

Vallie Crabb Cockerham, daughter of W. D. and Aurelia Gentry Crabb, was born June 17,, 1902. Died Nov. 27, 1938. Age 36 years, 9 months and 10 days.

She professed a hope in Christ in 1925 and joined the church at Stony Ridge where she remained a faithful member until death.

She taught in the public schools ten years and was loved by all who knew her.

She was married to Mart Cockerham Nov. 28, 1936. She leaves a loving husband, a weeping mother, two brothers and four sisters to mourn their loss, but we believe heaven is her gain.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

ELLEDGE

Mrs. Margaret Elledge was born August 25, 1864, and died March,. 1938. She was married to Joseph Elledge and to this union were born four children, Aria, Marie and Archie, living. Her husband and a little daughter preceded her in death. She united with Center church and was a faithful member for fifty years. She left a number of grandchildren and one brother, Bill Elledge of Cycle, N. C., to mourn their loss.

Mother you are gone but not forgotten,
Never shall memory fade;
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger
Around the grave where you are laid.

HARROLD

Ellen Harrold Watkins, wife of T. Y. Watkins, was born Dec. 17, 1884. Died March 28, 1939. She was married to T. Y. Watkins Feb.

25, 1905. To this union were born five children, Sherman, Bessie, Ruth, Paul and Alma. Bessie and Ruth preceded their mother in death. She professed a hope in Christ and joined Zion Baptist church where she remained a member until death. A loving wife and mother, a faithful Christian is gone but not forgotten.

HAYES

Rosa Lee Hayes, daughter of D. C. and Erie Elledge Hayes, was born April 26, 1920. Died Dec. 4, 1937. Age 17 years, 4 months and 8 days. On Dec. 5, the funeral services were conducted at Center church where she had been a faithful member for four years. She was placed by her father, who preceded her in death only six days. She leaves her dear mother, four brothers and five sisters, all knowing it was so hard to give her up, but we are taught that, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away."

She was stricken down for one year. She suffered very much, but she was very patient and never lost sight of a home beyond. Her last words were for them all, "Come on and go with me."

HAYES

Adolphus Calvin Hayes was born March 4, 1882. Died Nov 28, 1937. Age being 55 years, 7 months and 23 days. He was the son of Adolphus and Deliah Elledge Hayes. He was married to Erie Elledge on Aug. 5, 1900. To this union were born 10 children.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Center about thirty years ago. There he remained a very faithful member both in church and Sunday School for 27 years.

He was a member of the Masonic order for a number of years and served in each office of the Masonic Order.

Though our sweetest thoughts will forever linger around the grave where his body is sleeping, and our minds soar away to the realms of eternal bliss, where we with utmost confidence feel that his spirit is resting with the good. We hope that when our sun is set in the evening, we will meet him where separation will never come.

Dear wife, how often have you looked for me,
And oftimes have seen me come;
But now I must depart from thee,
And go to meet with loved ones
On that bright celestial shore.

HOLLOWAY

J. B. Holloway, son of Daniel and Martha Holloway, was born Nov. 9, 1859. Died Jan. 21, 1939. Age 79 years, 2 months and 12 days. He left four brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined the church about 48 years ago. He was a constitutional member of Garden Creek church, and remained a faithful member until death.

As long as he could get about, he always filled his seat at church. He was kind, patient, gentle, good, and lived so that he had no enemies.

Brother Bine was so good and kind,
He left many friends behind
Who expect some sweet day to find
Him again in heaven, so happy and free
That no sorrow forever he'll see.

LANGLEY

Thomas M. Langley was born July 24, 1865, a nd died July 8, 1939. He was first married to Sallie Trivette. To this union were born three children, two of whom survive. She died more than 40 years ago.

He was then married to Caroline Sparks July 4, 1897. She died Dec. 23, 1930.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined Roaring River church. He was a constitutional member of Garden Creek church, and remained a faithful member until death.

Oh! Dear father how we miss you,
Since you visit us no more;
But some day we hope to meet you
On that bright eternal shore.

Written by his daughter, Mrs. Mattie Brown.

McGRADY

W. C. McGrady was born Sept. 8, 1872. Died July 7, 1939. Age 66 years, 10 months and 29 days.

He married Phebe E. Holloway Aug 2, 1890. There were five children born to this union. Three living and two dead.

He professed a hope in Christ about the year 1908. He joined the church at Roaring River and was baptized in July, 1934.

Dear father has gone from us,
And we all miss him so;
But to the heavenly home, where
We believe he is,
By the grace of God we
Hope, sometime, to go.

SEBASTIAN

G. E. Sebastian was born May 5, 1871. Died May 18, 1937, making his stay on earth 66 years and 13 days. He was married to Mary Coffey and to this union were born two children, Edd and Roby.

His first wife died about 27 years ago, and he married Nancy Walker April 13, 1913. To this union were born two children, Maie and Emer.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined Zion church in Aug. 1928, and lived a faithful member until death. Gone but not forgotten.

SHUMATE

Lara Elledge Shumate, daughter of Joseph and Mary V. Bullis Elledge, was born Nov. 28, 1938. Married Nov. 20, 1910, to W. V. Shumate. To this union was born 7 children, 6 living and 1 dead. She professed a hope in Christ at the age of 23 and joined the Meth-

odist church at Oak Grove church, later moving her membership to Center Baptist church, where she remained a faithful member until death.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

SPICER

Zechariah C. Spicer was born Aug. 4, 1852. Died July 24, 1939. He was married to P. M. Hall Aug. 26, 1875. Unto this union were born seven children; four are living and three are dead.

He joined the church at Roaring River in August, 1876, and lived a consistent member until death.

He is missed in the church and around the family fireside. May we all live in the hope of meeting him in glory.

This dear old brother and soldier, too,
Laid aside his staff and marched through
The unseen gates of the far off shore,
To live with Jesus forever more.

Written by G. W. Brown.

WHITLEY

Willis Martin Whitley was born Oct. 27, 1881. Departed this life Oct. 31, 1938, being 57 years and 4 days of age.

He was married to Dina Blackburn Jan. 7, 1906, and to this union was born one daughter, Prudie Whitley.

He joined Rock Creek church in early life. Later he moved his membership to Bethany church where he remained a faithful member until death.

He was also clerk and deacon of the church at the time of his death.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, one daughter, four brothers, one sister and his mother. We feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.
Farewell, dear father, until we meet
on the other shore
Where partings come no more.

Written by the daughter, Prudie.

WILES

Joseph Lanzie Wiles, son of the late Joseph and Dianah Combs Wiles. He was born April 5, 1861. Died July 19, 1939. His stay on earth 78 years, 3 months and 14 days.

About 53 years ago he was married to Rosie Ingool. Unto this union were born twelve children, nine living and three dead.

About forty years ago he professed a hope in Christ and joined

the church at Covenant where he remained a faithful member until death.

His companion preceded him in death twenty years ago last March.

He leaves nine loving children, fifty-four grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. While it is our loss we believe heaven is his gain.

Often we think of you, dear father,
And our hearts are grieved with pain;
Oh, this would be a heaven
Should we hear your voice again.

You wore a crown of patience
As you struggled on and on,
And the hands that rest forever
Are the hands that made our home.

Father, you are gone but not forgotten,
Never shall memory fade;
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger
Around the grave where you are laid.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT AND ADDRESS	SECRETARY AND ADDRESS	No. of Teachers	No. Enrolled	Average Attendance	Months Kept Open
Austin	Wilmer Brown, Traphill, N. C.	Nora Brown, Traphill, N. C.	4	80	40	12
Bethany	C. H. Bryant, Roaring River, N. C.	Ennice Wood, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	3	77	53	12
Center	H. H. Jennings, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	Baxter Hayes, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	5	62	32	12
Double Creek	D. L. Holbrook, Abshers, N. C.	Catherine Walker, Abshers, N. C.	3	62	35	6
New Covenant	T. A. Miles, Dehart, N. C.	Myrtle Adams, Dehart, N. C.	4	78	47	6
Oak Level	Alton Carter, Roaring River, N. C.	Bernice Absher, Roaring River, N. C.	4	85	35	12
Rachel	A. J. Cothran	Lola Wood, Roaring River, N. C.	4	94	48	5
Round Mountain	C. C. Burcham, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	Ruth Key, Hays, N. C.	3	70	52	8

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Saturday of Ch. Meeting	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Application	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contributions
Antioch	Sebastian, Dillard, Harrold	Franklin Royal, McGrady, N. C.	1		3								31	$ 1.00
Austin	D. H. Brown, Guy Cox	B. C. Speaks, Traphill, N. C.	2		2	1							71	3.00
Bethany	J. S. Bryant	E. M. Wiles, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	3	2	4	9	2			1	2	3	109	3.75
Center	D. M. Dillard	H. H. Jennings, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	3		1	5						3	203	6.20
Double Creek	Sidden, Gambill, Hanks	A. M. Holbrook, Abshers, N. C.			2	1		1				1	53	2.45
Garden Creek	Sidden, Miles, Brooks	J. M. Brown, Joynes, N. C.			1							2	26	1.10
Liberty Knob	G. W. Miles, A. F. Walker	J. N. Royal, Roaring Gap, N. C.	2	1	3	1							43	5.00
Mining Ridge	A. F. Walker	F. C. Wall, Elkin, N. C.		1	2		2						31	3.00
Mountain Valley	E. E. Douglass, Roby Johnson	J. H. Stamper, McGrady, N. C.	1		1								25	2.35
New Covenant	J. S. Bryant, M. C. Dillard	T. A. Miles, Dehart, N. C.	3		3	2		1		1		2	96	3.40
Oak Level	H. A. Adams, D. H. Brown, Barker	James M. Spicer, R. 1, Traphill, N. C.		1	3					1		1	63	2.00
Rachel	Dillard, Sparks, Burcham	S. T. Curry, Roaring River, N. C.	1		1				1	2	1	2	146	3.00
Roaring River	A. C. Sidden, Guy Cox	G. W. Brown, Traphill, N. C.	2		4	5		1		1		2	129	5.35
Round Hill	L. E. Sparks	J. T. Bauguess, Lomax, N. C.		1	2					2		1	133	3.00
Round Mountain	Adams, Harrold, Dillard, Burcham	Timothy Elledge Hays, N. C.	2	1	3	5	3						82	3.00
Union	Sidden, Brown, Cox	W. M. Royal, Traphill, N. C.			1	5						1	36	2.25
Union Hill	A. F. Walker, G. W. Miles	C. C. McCann, Thurmond, N. C.	1	1	1	2		2					52	2.75
Zion	Guy Brooks, E. E. Douglass	E. S. Harrold, Hays, N. C.			4					1	1	1	38	1.70
Total			21	8		36	7	5	1	9	4	19	1367	$54.25

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Primitive Baptist Association, and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent in the Association; who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to the seats. Each church shall be entitled to five delegates. In their letters is to be expressed the number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application and good recommendation, dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in her union.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular decorum.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually, by a majority of the votes of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

5. New churches of any regular Baptist church of Jesus Christ of our Faith and Order in good standing, either dismissed by letter from Sister Associations, or by application and good recommendation, by sending up letter and delegates shall be admitted into the union.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.
deavor to preserve a general union of the churches, and also preserve a chain of communion among the churches and give advice in matters of difficulty.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

9. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association. and those moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same, and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

12. Amendment to this form of Government may be made at any time, by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it expedient by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

13. The Association shall act as advisory council and shall en-

14. The Association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the Association.

15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

16. The Association may correspond with Sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing, or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing, who may be of our faith and order to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

17. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they may choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

4. He shall strictly adhere to his subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who speaks before, by making remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as clearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association, without liberty obtained from the body, for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association requires.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall

not vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are One.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.